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Jesus: The Friend Of Sinners

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Jesus:

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1.

"The Friend of Sinners"

Int. Lesson demands 3 definitions + the answer to one question.

I Three Definitions:

A. Jesus: Matt. 16:13-18. Son of God, Savior, King + final righteous Judge.

B. Friend: one who knows ALL about you + still loves you.

C. Sinners: Rom. 3:23. Us too.

I John 3:4. Transgressors of the Law.

James 4:17. Wilful procrastinators.

Believe all have some innate wisdom.

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II

Same Vital Distinctions:

1. Jesus never loved Satan, sin not unrighteousness.

2. Jesus always loved the sinner. John 3:16. Rem. 5:1-2; 6; 8-11.

3. Jesus never compromised with sin not the sinner. See later.

4. Jesus never refused to help a sinner turn to God + abandon sin. meant: some contact - association.

5. Jesus called upon His followers to deal with sinners: Matt. 5:13-14. Salt + Light. act only if salt is STRONG and light is bright. Principle: John 17:15.

* Fully committed to Jesus + truth!

abstain from every thing
appearance of evil! 5:22.

III Jesus at Work. John's Gospel.

A. John 3:1-16. Welcomed a despised Pharisee after hours. & isn't expose his kind: Matt. 23:13-15; 37-38.

Jesus: talked positively of hope. Vs. 3+5.
You can welcome sinners & share the joy of sal. with them too.

Sinner?

B. John 4:1-42. Conversated with a Heathen Woman at Sychar.

1. She a poor judge of men. She worshipping in a false religion.
3. She was bitter toward the world. (noon)
4. She, irritable + argumentative. Ugly.

Jesus: talked positively of hope. Vs. 13-14.
No matter the situation, speak of Jesus + Hope.

Ill. Heuston girl. Shoved out of her home. will I baptize her? Cast off by her older husband. yes + then spoke to her of hope in righteousness.

C. John 8:1-12. Jesus befriended an adulteress. Terrible social conditions. 3 options: marriage. adultery. starvation. What was her situation? Widowed? Homeless? Young? Inexperienced? Hopeless till Jesus?

Jesus: talked positively of Hope. None here qualified to condemn or punish you. Go home to mother + father + be obedient. Sin no more.
Solution to sin: Positive ray of Hope. Matt. 16:24-27.

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Sinner?